

**REMARKS / ARGUMENTS**

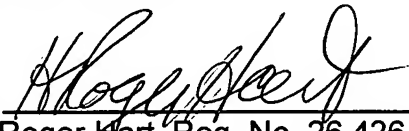
This is in response to the examiner's communication mailed June 3, 2004.

The examiner asserted an election/restriction requirement indicating that one group of claims was drawn to an apparatus and that the second group of claims was drawn to a method. In response to the position taken by the examiner, applicant has withdrawn without prejudice the claims of group 1, that is, claims 1 through 7 and 13 through 16. Accordingly, applicant is electing to proceed with the claims of group 2, that is, claims 8 through 12, the method claims.

This election is expressly made subject to applicant's right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the withdrawn subject matter and claims.

As no other issues were raised in the examiner's communication, it is believed that this response is fully responsive and substantive examination is requested in respect of the elected claims.

Respectfully submitted,  
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